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SUBJ: DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR KUBISCH

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT SUBMITTED FOR COMMENT AND CLEARANCE BY AMBASSADOR KUBISCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM PROFOUNDLY HONORED TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY PRESIDENT FORD TO REPRESENT HIM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS AMBASSADOR AT THIS TIME IN GREECE AND AT THIS POINT IN GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS. I AM ACUTELY AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY AND CHALLENGE THIS ASSIGNMENT REPRESENTS.

3. AT MY SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SAID THAT HE FEELS THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT IN OUR DIPLOMATIC SERVICE RIGHT NOW THAN THAT OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO GREECE.

4. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN LINKED TO GREECE FOR A VERY LONG TIME BY BONDS OF WARM AND DEEP FRIENDSHIP. THIS FRIENDSHIP HAS SUSTAINED US IN THE PAST DURING MANY DIFFICULT MOMENTS. ITS ROOTS ARE DEEP AND STRONG. IT WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST URGENT TASKS AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN GREECE TO SEE TO IT THAT OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP IS IMBUED WITH NEW VIGOR AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO REALIZE THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACE, PROGRESS AND HUMAN FREEDOM THAT UNITE OUR PEOPLES.

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5. IN THIS ENDEAVOR I HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN NOTE WITH SINCERE JOY AND STIS-
FACTION OF GREECE'S RETURN TO A GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH AMERICA
HAS PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND WHICH IT WILL DO ITS UTMOST
TO SUPPORT.

6. MRS. KUBISCH AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT
ANTICIPATION TO OUR STAY IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.
WE HOPE WITH ALL OUR HEARTS TO BE ABLE TO DO OUR SHARE
IN STRENGTHENING AND DEEPENING THE BONDS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY
UNITED AMERICA WITH GREECE. END TEXT.
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